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What could be as exciting as 1996, asks Padres' owner

by Marv Rosen

The old saying, "Quit while you're ahead," has definitely crossed the mind of Padres owner John Moores.

"Maybe we should just close up shop and just savor last season," Moores told the La Mesa Kiwanis at the club's weekly luncheon Friday.

With the possible exception of winning the World Series, Moores said that he could not imagine a more exciting season, which ended with the three-game sweep of the Dodgers in Los Angeles that brought the National League West title to San Diego.

He added that the three-team finish in the West was the tightest in league history. He was alluding to the game of "Who's on (in) first" that the Padres, Dodgers and Colorado Rockies played the final two weeks of the season.

He noted that the team went into its "June swoon," losing 19 of 23 games, after Wally Joyner was injured, and did not recover until the outstanding first baseman rejoined the team, despite playing at less than top form.

Moores said that the years both Ken Caminiti and Steve

Finley had were phenomenal. He especially noted the unexpected home run production (30) by Finley, normally only a singles hitter, to go with his defense.

In Moores opinion, there is not a finer defensive center fielder in the game today.

The team owner said that even after reviewing films of Caminiti's National League Most Valuable Player season's highlights, he still couldn't believe some of the plays the third baseman had made, especially while playing hurt.

As for Tony Gwynn, Moores felt that the right fielder should have a picture made about his unbelievable seven straight batting championships. He also noted Gwynn's loyalty to San Diego and his willingness to accept less money than he could make elsewhere to stay at home.

Gwynn epitomizes the clubhouse chemistry that prevails, Moores stated. He said that the team had passed on attempting to sign several players of super-star quality who were available because it was felt they could be a disruptive influence in the clubhouse. He mentioned Barry Bonds and Albert Belle as



Baseball, baseball, baseball. Padres owner John Moores (right) shows his true colors as a baseball fan while addressing the La Mesa Kiwanis last week, as he wears baseball suspenders and tie. On left is another, Greg Snowden, host for the meeting.

Photo by Marv Rosen

examples.

As for the upcoming season, Moores went through the "starting roster" and could not seem to find a weakness (assuming the injuries to Caminiti, Joyner and Gwynn are completely healed).

He remarked on the possible addition of Hideki Irabu to a fine starting pitching rotation, adding that Irabu might become the best pitcher in baseball, but has yet to face Major League

pitching. Moores felt that the pitcher, who does not speak English, may be receiving a disservice from his agent.

On the stadium issue, even though the size of the seating is not a problem with the Padres, he said that playing in a "battle zone" (all the construction) was not conducive to fans coming to the park.

He felt that Qualcomm's offer was quite generous and that the advertising the com-

pany would receive was only a cover for Qualcomm's chairman Irwin Jacobs' desire to help the community resolve a problem, just as his generosity to the symphony had been intended to be.

As for his proposal to build a new baseball-only facility, Moores said that any specific location was still in the hands of Mayor Susan Golding's study committee. The two most discussed are the old site of Lane Field at the west end of Broadway and just southwest of the Gaslamp Quarter, both acceptable to him.

The proposed state-of-the-art stadium's capacity would be around 40,000, which Moores said would have only "good seats." He did not say anything bad about Jack Murphy Stadium (Qualcomm Stadium?), noting that he enjoyed sitting in the upper deck with the fans to watch games.

However, in the right location downtown, a new stadium should do what those at Camden Yards (Baltimore), Coors Field (Denver) and The Ballpark (Dallas) have done, attract people, have a remarkable effect on the game and help the downtown businesses that are nearby.

It would also help stabilize the Padres franchise and raise its level of baseball, he added.

The Kiwanians were happy that Moores took time on the opening day of Spring Training to speak to them. When Moores was introduced, Kiwanis host Greg Snowden noted the many charities, such as their "Miracle Mile of Quarters" campaign which benefits the Children's Hospital, that have benefited from Moores' generosity in the community and elsewhere.

The meeting was a Valentine's Day event with other divisions in the area invited as it was a fundraiser for the "Miracle Mile of Quarters" drive.

Several club members remarked after the meeting that it was nice to have a real baseball fan as owner of the Padres.

Old Lakeside golf course is today's Willowbrook

by Norrie West

Even before Singing Hills opened, there was an East County course. It was a nine-hole affair in Lakeside, opening to the public in 1954, owned and operated by a fellow named Al Pilon.

Today that course, substantially changed 15 years ago, is still operating. It is called Willowbrook.

Not only operating, but very busy with nearly 100 18-hole rounds daily, according to owner Spero Tzathas, who is general manager and part-owner.

Before the Tzathas family came along in 1979, Bill and Jack Parsons ran the golf course, and got a nearby mobile home park started.

The Parsons were there from 1962 to 1973 when they sold out.

In fact, I played that course almost daily because I liked it and lived in Lakeside then.

It is different now. You don't need to play left or right of a water tower on the first fairway. The tower is gone, although No. 1 is not much different.

But No. 2, 3 and 4 are all new, having been built 10 years



Sam Tzathas rakes a very unusual sand trap on No. 5 at Willowbrook Golf Course in Lakeside.

Photo by Norrie West

ago. Actually Jack Daray, a designer, revamped the course five years earlier, re-routing most of the other holes.

And No. 3, a 116-yard par three, will be lengthened to about 140 and with a brand-new more-receptive green.

What Daray did was to add bunkers throughout the course. There were none as I recall. And he also had three small lakes installed. They come into play on 2, 4, 7 and 9. So, he did

make the place more demanding and more interesting.

According to Spero's brother Sam, westbound No. 8 at 381 yards, is the hardest hole on the course. It is rated as the number one handicap hole on the card. For some unknown reason, it looks shorter than it really is - until you know the hole, it will fool you.

The finishing hole, No. 9, is just 450 yards, par five, so you do get a little break there,

although the green is bunkered both right and left.

All in all, even though not long at 5,891 yards, it is a course in good condition, as groomed by superintendent George Winters, who came to Willowbrook from Stardust.

You can buy a membership for \$100 a year. It will give you a \$5 reduction in green fees for 18 holes. Add \$50 to that \$100 and you become a men's club member and an SCGA member. The men's club has two Saturday tournaments a month.

Most who play there do go for 18 holes, two trips around, but you can just play nine if you wish. Reservations at 561-1061, are advised.

East County High Schools

Sports Schedules

(as available)

Tuesday, Feb. 18 - Tuesday, Feb. 25

(check with schools for times)

Tuesday - Varsity Basketball: Boys (girls at opposing sites; JVs play preliminaries). El Capitan at Santana, El Cajon Valley at West Hills, Helix at Granite Hills, Monte Vista at Mount Miguel. Girls Soccer (boys at opposing sites): Valhalla at Mount Miguel, Helix at Monte Vista, West Hills at Grossmont, El Cajon Valley at Santana.

Thursday - Varsity Basketball: Boys (girls play preliminary at same sites, JVs earlier). Valhalla at Monte Vista, Helix at Mount Miguel, Grossmont at El Cajon Valley, El Capitan at West Hills.

Saturday - Wrestling: First round CIF competition.

Tuesday - First round CIF playoffs for basketball and soccer (teams and locations not decided at press time).

PG Perspectives

by Phillip Giannangeli

I should warn you right from the start: this is going to be a killer column. Not one of those mamby-pamby columns I sometimes write about stupid people who don't even know Lake Wobegon from a hole in the ground, nor a column where I mention sex over and over again in a blatant attempt to try to keep your attention. No, this one is going to be a real killer. I hope you're ready for it.

But first, a second word of caution: This is not a column about O.J. Simpson either. I repeat. This is not a column about a killer named O.J. Simpson. I know, in many minds, O.J. and Killer are synonymous, but that's not the thrust of this column. So don't go looking for any Bruno Maglis footprints or gloves that don't fit. You won't find any. What you will find will be killers and the act of killing.

The idea for this column came to me during a meeting. Everyone in attendance at the meeting was an accomplice (to one degree or another) in this major homicide. Our victim: time. We were engaged in the brutal act of killing time. That's what we were all about. And boy did we butcher it. Hardly recognizable near the end.

And as I was involved in the heinous crime of killing time, other killers and crimes of passion came to mind. Have you ever been in a situation where a mood-killer was on the loose? Perhaps you've been witness to such carnage. You might have been the victim. That can be brutal.

The most frequently reported type of mood-murder is when about-to-become-amorous parents are interrupted by offspring who were the result of previous episodes of uninterrupted amour. That's a case of first-degree mood-kill in anybody's book.

Another instance of murder mayhem occurred to a friend of mine. He went to a baseball game last year and he commented that he had discovered a killer hot dog at the ballpark. Imagine my concern. A killer at the ball yard. My alarm was somewhat calmed when he told me that he managed to put the killer away in a very short time. The image of that killer hot dog stalking patrons at a ball game really had me in its grip for a while.

My friend, not terribly big or fearsome, must have waged a magnificent battle disposing of that killer hot dog so quickly. I'm almost afraid to go to a game as I too might have to do battle with a killer hot dog. I don't think I have the stomach for it.

There are other killers out there. One such, the killer bee, after many years of travel and countless incidents of viciousness, has apparently reached our area. These creatures have no sense of decency or fair play. They attack their victims with huge numbers and never grant them a fair fight.

I guess it's an animal kingdom thing (although I hear street gangs do the same thing), but I sure hope it doesn't spread to the rest of the animal kingdom. Imagine killer crickets or deadly slugs. Or humming birds bent on the destruction of the human race. Ouch!

The killer instinct to finish off this column in the fashion it deserves just isn't in me today. I'm too mellow right now. If I had been on the O.J. jury, I might have even voted to acquit. Well maybe not to acquit. I would have probably voted to send him to a place (say a land of milk and honey) where they have some interesting bees.

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B Words

by Bob Burns

Don't miss this year's Mardi Gras

A Night of Magic is coming to our area on Feb. 21, a Friday evening. The place will be the La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Drive, in La Mesa. This will be the fourth annual Mardi Gras Ball put on by the Mesa Valley Grove Senior Programs who will be the beneficiaries of the event. As the first reigning king, I can testify that these are very festive and fun affairs. This year's honorary king and queen will be Ed and Sandra Burr.

You will be joining Sam Bass from KXYX as master of ceremonies. There will be casino games, a float parade down Bourbon Street, music and dancing to the "Sophisticats" following the coronation of the Mardi Gras king and queen, live and silent auction, a costume contest, barbershop singing and prizes for the best float and costume. The cost is a donation to the cause at \$50 per person or \$75 per couple to get a royal seat and treatment.

The Mesa Valley Grove program has served the seniors of La Mesa, Spring Valley and Lemon Grove for more than 23 years. It has five nutritional sites where it serves meals daily, as well as other services including social activities, blood pressure screening, legal and tax services, transportation, home delivered meals, adult day health care and senior day programs.

The senior day program serves physically and mentally impaired adults in an organized day care environment, including exercise, arts and crafts, outings, support groups, etc. It is a non-medical program allowing respite for family members, as well as the opportunity for the seniors to improve their level of functioning and remain in their homes longer.

Many caring volunteers and staff help administer these programs to seniors who are no longer able to prepare their own meals. Our seniors benefit greatly from the personal attention and nutritious food provided at a very nominal cost. More information can be obtained by calling 460-0430.

This is a very worthwhile affair and it provides a view of "N'awlins" right here in our own back yard. Costumes are encouraged in purple, gold and green, and, if the past is indicative, there will be plenty of color attending. Masks and beads will be on sale at the event and the food will be great as usual.

As the first "King Robert," I had the honor of dancing with Queen Lois Heiserman and many other lovely ladies. I highly recommend this event as one of the really great parties of the year in East County ... I guarantee it ...

In the Service

Air Force Airman Jessica B. Sheppard has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Sheppard is the daughter of Teresa G. and stepdaughter of Daryl L. Mullins of Lemon Grove.

The airman is a 1996 graduate of Mount Miguel High School.

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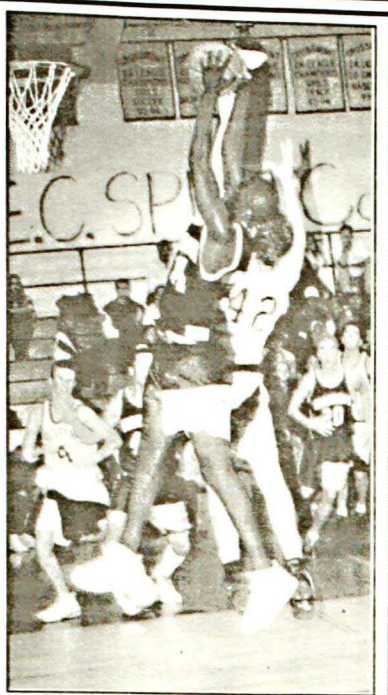
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Up in air in East County

High scorer Vincent Okotie of Grossmont High School (dark uniform) goes up to grab a rebound from Vaquero Ryan Ledford during Grossmont League North action at El Capitan High School on Friday.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger



Sports Beat

with Greg Eichelberger

There are so many things to talk about, I can hardly contain myself. We have football, baseball, basketball, hockey, rugby — a full plate for the sports gluttons to feast on. So, without further ado...

We're getting to the point where we don't care if this goofball Hideki Irabu comes to San Diego or not. His constant carping about, "I wanna be a Yankee!" would make Gandhi want to take a punch at him. Listen Hideki, I've got just two words from the Padre fans to you: "Bite me!" And, you can quote me on that. Besides, with all of his bad-mouthing of the Pods, I'm sure his teammates are going to just love this guy.

And speaking of inane comments, former Charger coach, Sid Gillman, on the stadium fiasco: "To lose this football team would be a catastrophe. It would be horrible." No disrespect, Sid, but, the Johnstown Flood was catastrophic. Losing a child would be horrible. Let's get our priorities straight, shall we?

While on that subject, more and more radio, TV and newspaper people are moaning because of the possibility of San Diego losing the next Super Bowl. Why? Because they would be the only local folks able to go to the game! It has nothing to do with their benevolent feelings for the merchants, it's being involved and invited to all of the media parties and assorted glitz that comes with this game. Let's at least admit that the average Joe (Naiman) has no chance to attend any of these events.

And one more bit of weird news. Ty Fields, late of the Aztec men's basketball team, who failed a basic English skills test (three times!) and was booted off the squad, had his suspension upheld by a judge last week. My questions are "How did this guy ever get into college in the first place? Why not take the suspension like a man, live with it, study, pass the test and play next year, instead of taking it to court?"

Despite the above-mentioned losers, the San Diego Gulls keep on winning — nine straight at last count. Sports Arena bigwig Chris Tilker informed us that the team is also sponsoring a special elementary school Every One A Reader program for fifth and sixth graders. Read a book, write a 100-word report on it and receive two free ducats to a Gulls game and a voucher to attend the Wild Animal Park. You can't beat that deal with a hockey stick. For more information, call Jim Esterbrooks of the county Office of Education at 292-3719. Details on the Gulls can be found at 224-4625, ext. 413.

Last week, the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club rugby team scored a double victory over Life Chiropractic College of Georgia, 23-17 and 42-0. OMBAC plays its home games at Robb Field. Information about this sport, popular throughout the world, but basically unknown here, can be gleaned by contacting Brian Vizard at 239-7537, or check them out on the web at <http://www.ombac.org>.

Sports Beat kudos to 1994 Grossmont High graduate, Kristie Smetsrud, now attending Texas A&M University, who has been chosen as a third-team women's All-American by Volleyball Monthly. The 6-foot outside hitter was the only San Diegan named to the Division I squad. Congrats also go out to Kemmy Burgess, a 6-foot-1 sophomore from El Cajon Valley High School, who was recognized by the UT last week for scoring 34 points against West Hills and then 29 against Santana. He is averaging 24-points per game in the Grossmont North League.

Go For It!, an anti-drug, anti-violence organization that stresses sports participation, hosted a massive educational program, called the HealthSouth Roadshow, for grade and middle-schoolers last week at the Sports Arena. At least 10 East County institutions of learning were in attendance. With giant football helmets, soccer balls, basketballs and the like, along with inspirational talks by several Olympic gold medalists, described as a "mix of MTV, Nickelodeon, American Gladiators and Jeopardy," this light and sound extravaganza had kids sitting on the edge of their proverbial seats. It only lasted a couple of days, though.

We saw both the El Capitan-Grossmont girls' and boy' basketball game. How do you spell "dedication?" F-O-R-U-M, that's how.

Well, that's about all I have time for. Interested in submitting stories or tidbits to this column? Just call me at 390-7103 and we'll do the rest. Until then, have a great sports week.

Lakeside barrel racer wins event around the corner from home

by Joe Naiman

Lakeside's Renee Taylor-George, who lives around the corner from the J&R Riding Club, won the first Open jackpot there Feb. 9 in the West Coast Barrel Racers competition.

She completed the course in 18.15 seconds, 21/100 of a second ahead of Norco's Bonnie Boone and 34/100 of a second ahead of Lakeside's Laura Akers.

The West Coast Barrel Racers staged a doubleheader Feb. 9 to make up for a rainout of its January event. Akers finished second in the second Open jackpot with a time of 17.99 seconds, trailing Jennifer Scheike by .06 seconds.

Although George has lived in Lakeside for the past two years, her performance was literally a return to Lakeside. She had spent 10 days in Arizona before traveling to Anaheim for a competition the previous night. The night before her Anaheim event she had competed in a Yuma rodeo and was sitting in fifth place after two of the three go-rounds.

She has been involved in barrel racing for about a dozen

years. She grew up in Big Bear and was a competitive skier who owned horses, but not a barrel racer.

At first, she competed in both ski racing and barrel racing. "I took that same speed that I used in ski racing and I applied it to horse racing," she said.

About five years ago she retired from ski racing. She had visited Lakeside for IPRA rodeo competition, and two years ago she moved to Lakeside.

"I really wanted to take my racing career just a little more seriously, so I moved down here," she said. George has been a member of West Coast Barrel Racers for eight years.

Her Lakeside win wasn't the only competition she entered. She noted that it's a lot closer now, as she lives right around the corner, on Moreno, but travels everywhere.

George has also entered several IPRA competitions, enough to earn her three invitations to the IPRA's Western Region Finals. In 1996, George was sixth in the Western Region and she has finished as high as fifth.

George has also joined the Women's Pro Rodeo Association,

the barrel racing group affiliated with the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, and won the WPRAs Barstow Rodeo in December. Although she is 4 1/2 months pregnant, she is hoping to win the WPRAs rookie of the year honors. "The three of us," she said.

In addition to George and the daughter who is due in June, George teams with Sandman, her eight-year-old horse. George boards and trains horses to earn the money necessary to participate in racing events.

She rides about 30 rodeos a year but would like to double that. It was through her profession as a horse trainer that she met her husband, Harry George, who had been a client.

Harry, a Mount Miguel High School graduate, married Renee last June. Renee now has two stepdaughters, but the girl she is carrying will be her first child. Despite her pregnancy, George plans to compete at the West Coast Barrel Racers finals in Riverside next month.

"I think my doctor gets a little nervous, but if I feel I'm off balance I'll take a break until the baby is born," she said of riding while pregnant.

La Mesa Kiwanis seek entrants and sponsors for 17th annual Golf Classic

La Mesa Kiwanis Club's 17th Annual Invitational Golf Classic will be held Friday, May 9, at Carlton Oaks Country Club in Santee.

Featuring a four-man scramble, tournament prizes will include first, second and third places.

Prizes will also be awarded for longest drive, closest to the pin and, on the humorous side, best dressed, best-named foursome, biggest hook, most balls in the water and largest divot.

Check-in time begins at 11 a.m. The tournament gets underway with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. No host cocktails begin at 6 p.m. with a chicken or prime rib dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Entry fee is \$125 per person. Included are green fees, beverages, cart rental, tee prizes and dinner. Dinner only is \$25. Fee for sponsorship of a hole, play and attending the dinner is \$225.

Rod Luck, KUSI-TV's morning field reporter and a former sports broadcaster, will be a featured celebrity player.

Arrangements are also being made for members of the San Diego Chargers to join the field of tournament players.

Corporate sponsors are being sought, according to Greg Snowden, tournament director. For donations of \$5,000 each, tournament sponsors will place their names on the event, field two foursomes and receive a full-page ad in the tournament program.

Sponsors at \$2,500 (one foursome, eight dinners and a full page ad) and for golf cart, beverage cart and bar at \$1,500 (one foursome, four dinners) each are also available.

Businesses and individuals

may also purchase advertising in the tournament magazine. Advertising deadline is March 1.

Snowden said 15,000 copies of the magazine will be mailed to businesses and residents in La Mesa, El Cajon and Santee.

To enter, place an ad, offer door prizes, sponsor a hole or participate as a tournament sponsor, call Snowden at 449-

8973 or 449-8900. Cut off will be 144 players.

All proceeds benefit the La Mesa Kiwanis Club's youth activities, such as Children's Hospital, the DARE Drug Awareness Program, Special Olympics, college scholarships for deserving high school seniors and sponsorship of Key Clubs at Helix and Grossmont High Schools.

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San Diego Gulls hockey team something special to Lakeside pair

by Greg Eichelberger

While many San Diegans are just learning about their very own Gulls professional hockey team, Lakesiders Jennifer Williams and Harold Hilliker have been big fans of the Taylor Cup champion squad for more than two years.

Ironically, it's Williams, an attorney specializing in family law, who first brought the idea of purchasing season tickets to the local egg ranch tycoon.

"I love hockey," she said emphatically during a game against Fresno last week.

She added that she has been interested in the sport since at least 1977 when she used to watch the Boston Bruins at home on TV.

Growing up in Holden, Mass., only 30 minutes from

the "Hub of the Universe," meant that you were either a Bruins fan or an outcast, and Williams was no exception.

She even journeyed once to the Mecca of hockeydom, the revered (and rat-infested) Boston Garden, the scene of many an epic battle waged on the painted ice.

Arriving in the Golden State in August 1990, and earning her degree from Cal-Western Law School, Williams has not litigated very often, preferring to resolve things before they get to court.

She is also interested in Native American (federal) law, even interning for California Indian Legal Services, where she developed a keen appreciation for the subject.

"It's intriguing because the law varies from tribe to tribe,"

she said.

Relaxing from that stressful occupation means attending as many of the hockey games as possible (while sharing season passes with another East County couple).

San Diego, currently in second-place, is the West Coast Hockey League leader in attendance, averaging just under 5,000 per contest, and has, without a doubt, some of the most rabid fans in the business, and some of the best players in the minor league system.

Watching them for four years now, Williams persuaded Hilliker to accompany her last season, when the high-flying team only lost seven games en route to only the second professional team to win a title this city has ever had.

Hilliker, who knew nothing about hockey, said he enjoyed himself tremendously, and thanks Williams for teaching him about the game.

"It was a hard road to get me to learn about it," said the lifelong Lakeside resident. He added that now he really enjoys it. He thinks there's a lot of grace and finesse out there, and while a lot of people like to see the fights, he is impressed with the talent they have and the athletic ability they exhibit.

He also commented on how the players can skate backwards and sideways as well as most people can walk forwards.



Lakesiders Jennifer Williams and Harold Hilliker, seen here at the Sports Arena during a hockey match, are big San Diego Gulls hockey fans.
Photo by Greg Eichelberger

"I'm not in it for the blood," he reiterated. "But that's probably a minority opinion."

Also fans of the Aztec football team and Padres, they plan on attending more of those sporting events in the future.

Williams said that she just wishes more people knew about this hockey team, adding that it's a fun time, a fantastic bargain, everyone enjoys it and it's a beautiful arena because no matter what seat you buy, you

still have a great view. "It's the best deal in town."

The Gulls will be playing at the Sports Arena through March, and then it's on to the post-season.

Celebrity watchers can spot Williams and Hilliker, like constellations in the night sky, at their regular seats, just a few rows up from the visiting players' bench.

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